(b) what action has been taken to extend the present runway to facilitate landing of Air-Buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) With effect from the 20th of April, 1989, Indian Airlines has increased the frequency of the Boeing-737 service between Calicut and Bombay from 4 days a week to a daily service Since Calicut airport is not suitable for Airbus operations, Air India is not in a position to operate services between Calicut and points in the Gulf countries.

(b) The airport at Calicut had been developed as a domestic airport suitable for operation upto Boeing-737 type of aircraft. There are no immediate plans to upgrade the Calicut airport for airbus operations.

Irregularities of Arya Central School Pattom, Trivandrum

837. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education have been receiving repeated representations/requests from the teachers of the Arya Central School, Pattom, Trivandrum regarding number of irregularities being commuted by the Management of this School, and certain demands concerning their pay scale; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On receipt of complaints, the Arya Central School, Pattom, Trivandrum was inspected by the Additional Director of Public Instruction Kerala on 20th January, 1988 and he observed a number of irregularities by the Management of the school. On the basis of those observations and his report the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a Show Cause Notice to the Management of the School on 1st September, 1983 to make up the deficiencies otherwise the Board would initiate proceeding for its disaffiliation.

In a reply dated 22nd September 1988, the School, while justifying their action, have maintained that the dismissal and suspension of a few teachers were sequel to their indisciplined behaviour, insubordination and destructive activities. The School filed a writ against the Show Cause Notice in Delhi High Court which has directed that CBSE "will not disaffiliate" the School from CBSE till further orders.

Special Permission to Sell Normal Eatables at Main Stations

838. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Palghat Division of Southern Railways, the V.R.Rs and N.V.Rs in main Stations are given special permission to sell normal eatables like weafers, Biscuits, Banana Chips, Confectionary sweets etc., wihch is normally sold by small fruit stalls and Tea stalls at these stations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for giving this permission to VRR/NVRR Contractors at the cost of small fruit stalls and these creating hurdles in their daily livlihood; and

(c) what steps Government has taken to stop this kind of practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c)

The Catering/Vending contractors are permitted to sell those items which are specified in the agreement or permitted under instructions of the railway administration. These items are decided keeping in view the demand, local speciality, etc.

Alleged involvement of Indian Pilots in Afghan War

839. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported allegations made by Afghan rebels' representatives to the effect that Indian pilots and military personnel were helping the Government forces of Afghanistan in the battle for control of Jalalabad and other areas around it; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These reports are baseless and have already been denied on several occasions by the Government.

Creation of Indian Education Service

840. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to prevent brain drain especially in respect of teachers, scientists and others, Government propose to create to an 'Indian Education Service' on the lines of IAS;

(b) whether the National Student Union of India, at its recent convention held in New Delhi ,has made any demand in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (c) In order to provide a proper management structure in education and to bring a national perspective to this vital sector, the National Policy on Education, 1986, envisages establishment of the Indian Education Service as an All-India Service. A sub-group of the Committee on Management of Education set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education has been constituted to formulate detailed proposals in this behalf. It would require further discussion and consultation with all concerned to finalise the proposals.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Augmentation of Indian Airlines Fleet

841. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to augment its fleet by adding 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft;

(b) if so, whether a loan has been secured for the purpose, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) on what routes and services these new aircraft are proposed to be put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As against a total amount of US $ 783.956 million to be met by raising loans, Indian Airlines has tied up loan arrangements for US $ 516.07 million from the following 5 sources,